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CANCELED! **No Full Closure on I-710 this Weekend**

Bell to Downey –The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will NOT conduct a Full Freeway Closure on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) this weekend (September 23-26) as part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from Firestone Boulevard to Slauson Avenue.

Each weekend since August 5, 2011, Caltrans has conducted a series of six consecutive full freeway closures on this route in both directions. The next full freeway closure is scheduled for the Friday, September 30 through Monday, October 3.

Nightly, beginning Sunday, September 25 through Thursday, September 29, work will take place in the center median - in both directions - to prepare for the next series of Extended Weekend Closures. Two lanes in each direction between Firestone Boulevard and Slauson Avenue will be closed to re-stripe lanes and to place a moveable median barrier on the southbound I-710 center median. No ramps will be closed within these limits.

The work is part of a \$65 million project to rehabilitate aging pavement and provide the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The contractor is SEMA Construction of Lake Forrest. The project is estimated to complete by spring 2012.

For more information on the I-710 full freeway closure schedule, visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist07 or follow us on Twitter or *The Caltrans Connector* blog at caltransd7info.blogspot.com